

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BAMAKO 03359 301628Z

43

ACTION AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-07 NSCE-00 CIAE-00 INR-11

NSAE-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 /039 W
----- 070106

R 301602Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9964

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BAMAKO 3359

LIMDIS

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, ML, US

SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT TRAORE TO THE UNITED STATES

1. DURING MY VISIT WITH PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE SAID THAT EARLY IN 1974 PRESIDENT NIXON HAD INVITED HIM TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. SINCE IT WAS COLD AT THAT TIME HE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS VISIT UNTIL SUMMER, BUT DURING THE SUMMER PRESIDENT NIXON HAD BEEN OCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS AND THEREFORE THE VISIT WAS NOT POSSIBLE. HE WONDERED HOWEVER, WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD MIGHT WISH TO RENEW THE INVITATION.

2. I DID NOT DEEM IT POLITIC TO CORRECT THIS SOMEWHAT GARBLED ACCOUNT OF THE VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. I WAS NON-COMMITTAL IN MY RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT TRAORE, CONFINING MY COMMENTS TO THE OBSERVATION THAT I KNEW THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD AN EXTREMELY BUSY SCHEDULE BUT THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT THE PRESIDENT'S INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON.

3. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT IN A HURRY BUT HAD SIMPLY WISHED TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY WITH ME.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BAMAKO 03359 301628Z

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN ANY IMMEDIATE

BENEFIT TO U.S.-MALI RELATIONS FROM SUCH A VISIT. ALTHOUGH
ATMOSPHERICALLY OUR RELATIONS WITH MALI ARE EXCELLENT,
IN SPITE OF THE GOM'S OFTEN REPEATED ASSERTION OF A "NEW
ERA IN MALI-UWOS. RELATIONS" WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY CHANGE
IN THE MALIAN POSITION ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US (PRG,
GRUNK, KOREA) IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. NONETHELESS,
GIVEN THE SHARPLY INCREASED AID EFFORT IN MALI AND THE
REST OF THE SAHEL, AND GROWING INTEREST IN THE U.S. IN THE
PROBLEMS OF THE SAHEL, AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TRAORE
TO VISIT THE U.S. MIGHT WELL PROVIDE SOME INSURANCE FOR
FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN THE
EVENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESENT U.S. OIL EXPLORATIONS IN
MALI PROVE FRUITFUL. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT FROM BAMAKO TO
ASSESS THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE BENEFITS OF SUCH A
VISIT AS COMPARED TO THE MANY COMPET KG DEMANDS ON CSR
PRESIDENT'S TIME, FROM
OUR STANDPOINT HERE I BELIEVE
SUCH A VISIT COULD HAVE TANGIBLE BENEFICIAL RESULTS OVER
THE LONG RUN AND I THEREFORE RECOMMEND FAVORABLE CONSIDERA-
TION OF PRESIDENT TRAORE'S REQUEST. I WOULD APPRECIATE
THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION SO THAT I CAN GIVE THE PRESIDENT
SOME INDICATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN INVITATION
WHEN NEXT I SEE HIM.
MCGUIRE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, VISITS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CollinP0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BAMAKO03359
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740275-0895
From: BAMAKO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974094/aaaaacvv.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CollinP0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 SEP 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <03 MAR 2003 by CollinP0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT OF PRESIDENT TRAORE TO THE UNITED STATES
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, ML, US, (TRAORE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005